

ABSTRACT

VIRAL THERAPEUTICS

An method for identifying a substance for affecting a viral infection is described. The method comprises:

- (a) providing a lipid globule targeting sequence, as a first component;
 - (b) providing a lipid globule, as a second component;
 - (c) contacting the two components with a substance to be tested under conditions that would permit the two components to interact in the absence of the substance; and
 - (d) determining whether the substance disrupts the interaction between the first and second components;

wherein the targeting sequence comprises a hepatitis C virus (HCV) core protein or a fragment, derivative, variant or homologue thereof.